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SHOT IN SCUFFLE WITH POLICE, MAN SUES FOR \$10,000

James E. Muhlall, captain of police, and Edward V. Wall, patrolman of No. 5 precinct, were named defendants in a suit filed by Allen S. Gerns today for \$10,000 damages for alleged assault.

Gerns, who is represented by attorneys Matthew E. O'Brien and Joe C. Brown, alleges that January 4, 1917, while at his home, 315 Fourth street southeast, he was attacked and set upon by two men in civilian clothes, and was shot by one of them during the scuffle. Gerns alleges the shot was fired by one of the officers, and that he is now a physical wreck as a result of the wound.

According to the police reports Mrs. Gerns had summoned police help and the captain and patrolman had answered the call, and were about to place Gerns under arrest when he resisted. He was getting the best of the officers when the shot was fired which struck him.

LOSE HOPE FOR MISSING FLYER

Navy Department officials today gave up all hope for Edward Crowe, former Georgetown football star, who disappeared in a flight at Pensacola, Fla., Wednesday of last week.



"OLD-FASHIONED" MAN DYING AFTER KILLING DAUGHTER

HARRISON, N. J., Jan. 4.—Emil Genelle is dying at St. Michael's Hospital today from pistol wounds self-inflicted after he shot and killed his twenty-year-old daughter, Fannie, at his home last night.

Genelle had "old-fashioned" ideas, his son Charles says, and could not become reconciled to the "twentieth century" leanings of his daughter, who had recently been employed in a department store at Newark.

When Fannie began staying from home a week at a time, the father investigated. She was also reported absent by the department store. She had told them her mother was ill. Returning home last night the girl said she had been at work all day, whereupon the father escorted her into another room. Five shots were heard. The family found the girl dead and the father dying.

U. S. CAVALRY PURSUES MEXICAN BANDITS

MARFA, Tex., Jan. 4.—A troop of American cavalry, supported by Texas Rangers, today is pursuing bandits who late yesterday crossed the border from Mexico and again raided the Brito ranch at Candelaria.

No report of the pursuing expedition has been received here, but it is thought likely they have crossed the border on the trail of the fleeing bandits. The Brito ranch was the scene of the raid Christmas Day, in which Michael Welch, United States mail carrier, and two others were killed. A number of Americans and their families were at the ranch.

UNCERTIFIED CHECKS, ACCEPTED FOR TAXES

Uncertified checks will be accepted by collectors of internal revenue in payment of excess profits and income taxes, it was announced today in a ruling by the Bureau of Internal Revenue. Should the check not be paid by the bank on which it is drawn, however, the person by whom it was offered in payment of taxes will be liable for the amount due under the tax and for legal penalties in addition, in the same manner as if no such check had been received.

Congress What It Did Yesterday

The President Announces His Message on Railroads for Today—Hoover, Reed, and the Issues of the November Elections—Food and Military Clothing Investigated—Shoddy Still an Issue—Woman Suffrage—"Taking Over" Trolley Roads.

By W. V. BYARS.

made these men change theirs." But he insisted that they and all other volunteer experts helping their country at a Dollar a Year, were patriotic, unselfish men, willing to make extreme sacrifices. In this case, he guaranteed their patriotism against the strain of having the price cut from two cents to nothing at all. There has been severe suffering in the case. The independent collectors in the immense business now done in supplying material for shoddy clothing may not feel that theirs is over.

The House Committee on Woman Suffrage held its first open session yesterday with great success. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, Mrs. Travis Whitney, and others of equal zeal for the cause of suffrage without distinction of sex, demolished all arguments against the Woman Suffrage Amendment. Doctor Shaw made an argument based on the patriotism of women and demonstrated that it overcomes their pacifism. We are to assume hereafter, that when there is a call for political ferocity, woman with the ballot will be politically as ferocious as any other voter, no matter how tender and merciful she is personally and privately.

The Congressional investigations during the recess have cleared up the situation as to "preparedness" until there is little left of it politically. Railroads and food control are to be continued until the Voluntary Censorship is out of the way of making the country over again after the war.

Senator Hughes of New Jersey is reported improving, according to dispatches from Trenton, where he is in a hospital. He has a severe attack of pneumonia.

Hoover admitted the documentary evidence that he had said there was nothing whatever in the bill, establishing his department and creating him officially, to permit the "fixing" of prices. He fell back on the word "stabilization." Reed forced him on that issue until he said that he would not "quibble"—that fixation might be a part of stabilization, as prices for flour and wheat were controlled by the same methods as those of sugar.

Reed then asked him to point out a single clause or line in the law giving him or any one else authority for the control thus exercised. Hoover could find no direct authority in the law for fixing prices, but inferred it from the preamble. After a struggle over the preamble, Reed, assuming Hoover's surrender, asked if he did not know that the exercise of power in this way, when not given by law, would constitute in ordinary times, gross and criminal usurpation, which would certainly be punished. Hoover answered that the power was exercised "by authority of the President of the United States." Reed said that "the President's coat-tails were broad," and that his greatness was recognized at home and abroad, but the question of authority of law had not been answered by the witness in his own case.

The point had been made for the record on an issue which will last after all questions of arming and clothing the troops have been forgotten. The examination on sugar was then resumed. It lasted all day, bearing on points already in the record and forcing into print every possible admission on two main contentions—that of fixing prices without authority from Congress and of so fixing them as to permit a possible corner on sugar and a general scarcity in the market. Mr. Hoover held his ground best in showing his power of persuading consumers and producers to work voluntarily with his department for conservation of supply.

Congressional investigation continued yesterday. Admiral Benson testified on submarines before the House Subcommittee on Naval Affairs, in executive session. Meyer Bloomfield, chief of the industrial department of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, testified on poor housing and car-crowding around the great new shipyards. Crowding on trolleys and general failure of transportation service had become a cause of serious delay in shipbuilding.

On Senator Nelson's recommendation the matter is to be laid before the President. The Senate committee decided that he has power to take over trolley roads as full as that he has used in taking over steam roads.

M. E. Driscoll testified before the Senate Committee on Military Affairs that shoddy and cotton as now used in uniforms may decrease warmth at times but not durability. He was shown samples of regulation German uniforms. He believed them warmer and more fitted for service in European trenches than the American. He testified as an expert, and as the president of a New Jersey woolen company which has a large contract for uniform cloth.

Mr. Charles E. Elsenman, of the Council of National Defense, gave the Senate Military Committee the sequel of the story of six cents a pound for sorting army uniform scraps. In concluding his account of the operations of the Base Sorting Company which had its price forcibly reduced by the Government from six cents a pound to two, he said: "We changed our minds and

ARGENTINE ENVOY UNDECIDED AS TO QUITTING HIS POST

Argentine Ambassador Naon is now debating the subject of his retirement from his post here.

Naon is known to have let his government realize that he desired to quit. The government in turn was anxious that he retain his position, and he is now considering whether to remain.

Some here have interpreted his desire to quit as a reminder to the home government that he does not sympathize with its neutrality in the light of the Count Luxemburg disclosures.

NAON RESIGNS BECAUSE OF ARGENTINE'S POLICY

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 4.—Dr. Romulo S. Naon, who has asked President Irigoyen to accept his resignation as ambassador to the United States, took that step because he is out of sympathy with the Argentine government's war policy, according to a report in circulation here today.

Whether Dr. Naon's resignation will have any effect on the President's attitude toward intervention in the war is not known, but it is believed that if this country ranges itself with the allies the resignation would be withdrawn.

Both houses of the Argentine Congress have adopted a resolution calling for a break with Germany, but executive action has never been taken on it.

GERMANS ANGLING FOR CONQUEST, SAYS PRESS

THE HAGUE, Jan. 4.—The peace terms of the central powers, made public at Brest-Litovsk by Count Czernin, the Austrian foreign minister, are roundly condemned by the Socialist newspaper Leipzig Volkszeitung. This paper charges the governments of the German alliance of angling for conquest.

DILLINGHAM HAS BILL FOR CLEARING D. C. SIDEWALKS

Senator Dillingham, of Vermont, introduced in the Senate this afternoon a bill for the removal of the snow and ice from the sidewalks of the District.

The bill is the same as the one Senator Dillingham presented in 1914. The Commissioners recently reported that it was impossible for them to organize a sufficient force to clean the sidewalks.

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THE LITERARY DIGEST for January 5th commences the year 1918 (the twenty-eighth year of its existence) overflowing with vital news-articles of immediate interest. In fact, there are several topics so important that in enumerating them it is difficult to say which should come first.

WHY WE WENT TO WAR WITHOUT GUNS covers from every angle the Congressional investigation of the War Department. It presents the criticisms leveled at the Administration and also the evidence adduced in its favor, with comments from the press of the United States.

UNCLE SAM TAKES OVER THE RAILROADS—Is this the first step toward Government ownership? Will the situation continue after the war? To get an answer to such questions THE DIGEST telegraphed to leading editors throughout the country asking for an expression of opinion upon this latest and most radical war-measure, and this article gives illuminating replies from them.

CENTRAL POWERS ANXIOUS TO QUIT deals with a subject of vital human interest, being a resume of public opinion upon Germany's latest peace proposal.

THE TRUTH AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SUGAR-BARREL concludes the story in last week's DIGEST of the investigation of Mr. Hoover and the Food Administration.

Other interesting and instructive topics in this number of THE DIGEST (dated January 5th) are:

Short-Lived Victory at Cambrai
Prussian "Democratic" Franchise
To Win the War with American Coal
The Fuel Value of Wood
Keeping the Workers Well
Saving Wheat by Saving Meat
New York School House-Cleaning
A Catholic Admonishes Catholics
News of Finance and Industry

A Striking Collection of Illustrations

THE DIGEST—the Busy Man's Bible, the Doubting Man's Dictionary

Those of us who are busy, and which of us is not in these superstitious times, frequently sigh over the arid wilderness of irrelevant information through which we have to struggle in our daily papers in order to obtain those diamonds in a dust-heap—the items of vital news for which we are seeking. THE LITERARY DIGEST saves you all this

trouble. It derives its resume of the news not merely from a single paper, which would be to retain the latter's viewpoint, but from a weekly gleaming of all the worth-while publications of the world, recording the result without comment or partiality, adhering to no viewpoint but reporting all. The facts of the day, focused from all points, are yours in "The Digest."

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